

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 12/23	4:30 PM	Deceased of the Marion Rozek Family
SUN 12/24	7:30 AM	Donna Schry Kwidzinski by Elaine Wolff
	10:00 AM	All Saints Family
	5:30 PM	Sister Mary Jude Seaman by Mary Ortman
	9:00 PM	Bill Witte by the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus
MON 12/25	10:00 AM	All Saints Family
TUES 12/26		No Mass Office Closed
WED 12/27		No Mass
THURS 12/28	8:00 AM	Enda O'Sullivan by Bridget Garczynski
FRI 12/29	8:00 AM	Bob Mlodzik by Rose Piotrowski
SAT 12/30	4:30 PM	Michael Chase by Irene Chase and family
SUN 12/31	7:30 AM	Margaret Petraszak by Rachel Petraszak
	10:00 AM	All Saints Family
MON 1/1/18	9:00 AM	Dick Brooks by Terry & Joanne Guden

PARISH PRESS

Season's Greetings

Christmas Greetings and Happy New Year to everyone at All Saints Parish. I am thankful to God for another year of blessings for the parish assembly, our Catholic School and our Religious Ed Program. I'd like to express gratitude to our parish staff who give 100% every day, and to *all* those who volunteer in so many different ways. You help make our parish a community of people who care, and share the light of Christ.

I received a Christmas card with words I'd like to pass on to you:

"I pray that you and all God's holy people will have the power to understand the greatness of Christ's love – how wide and how long and how high and how deep that love is."

Amidst this season of celebrations, family dinners, gift giving, merry-making (and the preparations that go with it) let us remember the reason behind it all! Be sure to make room at hearth and home for the Christ Child. May He then abide with you this Christmas and in the New Year. God bless you and yours!

~Fr. David

Come to the Manger

I've been told that nearly every year, there's discussion about where to place the stable of Bethlehem. We have a beautiful nativity, and the favored place is in the front of the sanctuary, but space and physical layout do not allow for the size of the nativity that we have. We would like to have it in a spot where families will file past it as they enter and depart, but there just doesn't seem to be a "perfect place". Thus, in its location by the east windows, some may need to take a few extra steps to visit the Holy Family. Considering the long and difficult journey Mary and Joseph made, it's the least we can do! Come to the manger!

~Fr. David

Please Note - There will be no morning Masses on Tuesday or Wednesday.

The office will be closed on Tuesday and there will be no Private Confessions on Wednesday.

MAINTENANCE PERSON

All Saints Catholic Parish, Berlin has an opening for a maintenance employee - 28-30 hours per week.

The maintenance employee is responsible to complete routine maintenance tasks and oversee overall maintenance of All Saints Parish Church Complex, including all buildings and grounds.

This position involves physical labor, the ability to work with others and represent All Saints Parish in a professional manner.

Knowledge of the procedures and practices of the Catholic Church is preferred.

Male, Female or couple encouraged to apply.

To learn more about the job duties, stop at the parish office at N8566 State Road 49, Berlin or call 361-5252.

THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS PARISH. . .

December 25 - 31, 2017

Wednesday: No TMIY
RE Classes - See Schedule Below
No Choir Rehearsal
No Private Confessions

Sunday: Mass at 10:00 AM - Choir will Sing
NO Bingo

SANCTUARY LAMP - lit to signal the True Presence of Christ in the tabernacle, is donated by Nancy Trochinski in memory of the Steckbauer, Yonke, and Trochinski Families.

BAPTISMS - Ethan William & Abigail Maria, twins of Brian & Candice (Peterson) Zirgibel were baptized last weekend at our church. May God bless these children and their family.

WELCOME - Jerry & Vinnie Wrage to our parish family at All Saints. We'd also like to welcome Rachel & Kyle Belter.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES - Join us at 5:15 PM for Christmas music in the gathering space and at 8:30 PM for a concert of Christmas favorites in church presented by the parish choir.

Bingo - The next bingo will be January 7, 2018.

DONATIONS TOWARD CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - in memory of a loved one, or just as a donation to help defray the cost, may be placed in the weekend collection, mailed to the parish at PO Box 269 or you may stop by the office. Thank You!

THE COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER - is considering having a Sunday morning blood drive at All Saints Parish on Sunday, February 4th from 8:30 AM until 11.30 AM. With so many of us working during the day, it is not always possible to be able to go to the local blood drives which are held during the week. We would like to know if there is enough interest from those who can not attend the local blood drives to make the Sunday blood drive a success. Please call Nancy Trochinski at 361-3679 if you are interested. Deadline for calling in is December 31st.

CATHOLIC HERALD - Are you receiving the Catholic Herald subscription at your home? Do you know that our parish is billed for this subscription? If you are receiving the Catholic Herald, this is just a reminder that we ask each subscriber to contribute \$25 a year for their subscription to help defray the cost charged to our parish. If you have not paid for your subscription you may place your money in the weekend offertory collection in an envelope marked Catholic Herald, mail to the parish office or stop in at the parish office. If you have any questions regarding your Catholic Herald subscription please call the parish office at 361-5252.

END OF YEAR PLANNING IRA DISTRIBUTIONS

Wondering what to do with your annual IRA distribution?

If you and your spouse are in your 70s, you may be eligible to make a gift to All Saints Parish and reduce your taxable income.

In general, distributions from a traditional IRA are taxable in the year you receive them. One of the exceptions to distributions from traditional IRAs being taxable in the year you receive them are QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS. A QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (QCD) is generally a nontaxable distribution made directly by the trustee of your IRA (other than a SEP or SIMPLE IRA) to an organization eligible to receive tax deductible contributions. ALL SAINTS PARISH is such an organization

This may be a great way for you to make a gift to your parish and:

Avoid taxes on a transfer of up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to the parish

Satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year

Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions

Special conditions apply so please contact your tax advisor or plan administrator to learn more. The parish office can assist with information needed on required forms.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES this week. Enjoy your holiday vacation and be sure to attend Mass either on Christmas Eve at 5:30 or 9:00 PM or on Christmas day at 10:00 AM. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

PLEASE NOTE - The parish books will close at noon on Friday, December 29, 2017. Please make any contributions that you would like included in this year's business before that time.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS -

The Knights of Columbus are offering two - \$500 scholarships and also one- \$500 'Special Needs Scholarship' to children or grandchildren of a member of our local council who is enrolled in a 4-year college or an accredited technical program. We have extended the application period to March 19, 2018.

Please call Bob Markofski at 920-376-1296 for an application or if you have questions.

24th ANNUAL NATIONAL MEMORIAL for the Preborn

and their Mothers & Fathers - Friday, January 19, 2018 at historic DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, DC. Free admission, no tickets required. Catholic Mass at 7:30 AM-doors open at 7:00 AM. March for Life Rally 8:30-10:30 AM. Homilist will be Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life.

MEN'S RETREAT - Join us for this life changing experience on January 18 - 21, 2018 at the Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Winnebago in Oshkosh. A retreat is a very personal and private experience. It's getting in touch with yourself by relaxing your mind, body and spirit that you have probably overworked and burnt out once too often. It's taking the time to reflect on the people and relationships that are important to you; and evaluating what you treasure most in your life. Call Tom Malchetske at 920-229-9925 or Pat Garczynski at 920-361-7219 to make your reservation.

